Sub-IPC on Tech/Atrocity Prevention/Key Events

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Promising from Asia

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To: Garth Willis <gwillis@usaid.gov>

FYI

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From: **Michael Chelius** <mchelius@usaid.gov>
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Hi everyone,

I had a talk with Garth who works with Vera, the Agency MDM lead and is coordinating the response to this NSC request.

1. We both think it is a good opportunity to engage tech companies in addressing MDM ahead of elections/critical events.

1. The term 'atrocity prevention' can sound shocking but the framework is similar to other conflict/violence prevention frameworks including USAID's election security and election assessment frameworks. Similar to the term anti-corruption, care has to be used when discussing the issue and using the term with local partners.

1. Garth and his State department counterpart will put forward five countries including Bangladesh and Burma for consideration to NSC with the caveat that additional consultation/approval is needed with missions/embassies and regional bureaus. They will also recommend that NSC chooses one country to focus on as a test case/proof of concept while watching the other four for possible engangement. Other countries are Zimbabwe, El Salvador, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

1. If missions agree, I think we should advocate for an Asia country to get selected, perhaps Burma given the recent request from AA Schiffer regarding Burma elections.

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On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 12:48 PM Diane Ray <dray@usaid.gov> wrote:
Scratch that. Garth just found out that Pakistan is no longer on the list, so he canceled tomorrow's meeting with me and Masha.

On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 12:10 PM Diane Ray <dray@usaid.gov> wrote:
Sounds like Masha is meeting him at 10 tomorrow, so maybe we can all descend on him at once.

On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 12:00 PM Michael Chelius <mchelius@usaid.gov> wrote:
Good

On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 11:57 AM Diane Ray <dray@usaid.gov> wrote:
I have reached out to Garth and asked to meet with him tomorrow during his 10-12 time slot. Others are welcome to join me, if you wish.

On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 11:48 AM Michael Chelius <mchelius@usaid.gov> wrote:
Hi,

I don't have additional information but can reach on this effort but can reach out to Garth.

I recommend a quick scan through this background document on what is met by mass atrocity:

https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/Field_Guide_Mass_Atrocities.pdf

On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 10:33 AM Kimberley Lucas <klucas@usaid.gov> wrote:
I noted this in Sr staff today and it sounds like Michael Chelius has more information. Also. the Burma mission had been looped in over weekend [redacted] as to whether Burma is appropriate for this *or not*. (I am guessing not given point two below? [redacted] An excerpt from their email this morning flagging this meeting noted:

DDI/DRG Center and CPS (I think) are leading out on USAID's contribution to a Sub-IPC on Engagement of Tech Companies and Atrocity Prevention. They have identified 8 countries (Burma, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Mali and El Salvador) that will be narrowed down to five. The criteria is to identify countries with the best fits to engage with tech companies to prevent and mitigate mass atrocities where 1) there are upcoming Key Events that could create a risk of violence or mass atrocities, and 2) where tech platform engagement could have a mitigating impact on those risks.

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On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 10:23 AM Mackenzie Keller <mkeller@usaid.gov> wrote:
Thanks, Jason!

+ DG colleagues -- did you receive any additional background on this?

Best,

Mackenzie

On Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 5:48 PM Jason Gilpin <jgilpin@usaid.gov> wrote:
Adding Peter, Tiana and Mackenzie to check on Monday.

On Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 5:39 PM Diane Ray <dray@usaid.gov> wrote:
Sara,
This honestly does not make any sense to me but I can offer to meet him on Tuesday. Looping in Kim and Jason since Burma and Bangladesh are also on the list.
Diane

On Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 3:10 PM Sara Borodin <sborodin@usaid.gov> wrote:
Did you get this too? Can I defer this to you? It would be good to understand why Pakistan made the list? What criteria did they use?

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Hello all,

Thanks to those that were able to respond, or shared your thoughts with those that responded. I hope that with this email I can clarify some of the questions that have bubbled to the surface.

- I have been asked what my role is. I, along with Kim Brown, are the POCs for USAID on this sub-IPC. I am a Democracy Officer on rotation with ITR. Vera Zakem asked me to cover this and report to her on progress. Kim is a C3 that just came from the Tech company world and has incredible insights on how to engage with tech companies. On the sub-IPC are a team of people from PPL, DDI/DRG, BHA and CPS.

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https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/Field_Guide_Mass_Atrocities.pdf

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+ DG colleagues -- did you receive any additional background on this?

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Adding Peter, Tiana and Mackenzie to check on Monday.

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> > On Mon, Jan 23, 2023 at 10:18 AM Garth Willis <gwillis@usaid.gov> wrote:
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> > > Michael,
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> > > I am finally able to circle back to you on this now that we have a version of the Atrocity Prevention / Tech company engagement framework that while not final, is ready to be shared.
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> > > After many conversations with State and the NSC we were able to pare down the NSC vision to have a much longer list of countries for the pilot phase to 2-4 countries. In discussions with State it was mutually agreed that two countries that would work well for the pilot phase are Burma and Bangladesh. This of course is contingent on Regional Bureau/Mission concurrence.
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> > > Would you be able to share this with your team? We would be open for a further discussion with any questions you may have. Also as an FYI NSC is hoping that we can have a workshop with tech companies in the coming weeks/months where we will discuss the framework broadly, this workshop will be led by State with support from USAID.
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> > > Short term asks would be to get concurrence that Burma and Bangladesh are appropriate for inclusion, that there is Bureau/Mission buy-in, and a POC for engagement moving forward. As you mentioned earlier, this can be seen as a good opportunity to get the attention of Tech companies that are active in the two countries, and to use the inter-agency to bring our perspectives to their approach to monitoring and responding to events on the ground.
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> > > > mchelius@usaid.gov>
> > > > Date: Tue, Dec 13, 2022 at 10:58 AM
> > > > Subject: Fwd: Sub-IPC on Tech/Atrocity Prevention/Key Events
> > > > To: Garth Willis <gwillis@usaid.gov>
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> > > > ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> > > > From: **Michael Chelius** <mchelius@usaid.gov>
> > > > Date: Tue, Dec 13, 2022 at 10:39 AM
> > > > Subject: Re: Sub-IPC on Tech/Atrocity Prevention/Key Events
> > > > To: Diane Ray <dray@usaid.gov>
> > > > CC: Brian Vogt <bvogt@usaid.gov>, Jason Gilpin <jgilpin@usaid.gov>, Kimberley Lucas <klucas@usaid.gov>, Mackenzie Keller <mkeller@usaid.gov>, Maria Covalenco-Tietz <mcovalencotietz@usaid.gov>, Peter Young <pyoung@usaid.gov>, Sara Borodin <SBorodin@usaid.gov>, Scott Kearin <skearin@usaid.gov>, Thomas E. White <thwhite@usaid.gov>, Tiana Hill <tihill@usaid.gov>
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> > > > Hi everyone,

I had a talk with Garth who works with Vera, the Agency MDM lead and is coordinating the response to this NSC request.

1. We both think it is a good opportunity to engage tech companies in addressing MDM ahead of elections/critical events.

1. The term ‘atrocity prevention’ can sound shocking but the framework is similar to other conflict/violence prevention frameworks including USAID’s election security and election assessment frameworks. Similar to the term anti-corruption, care has to be used when discussing the issue and using the term with local partners.

1. Garth and his State department counterpart will put forward five countries including Bangladesh and Burma for consideration to NSC with the caveat that additional consultation/approval is needed with missions/embassies and regional bureaus. They will also recommend that NSC chooses one country to focus on as a test case/proof of concept while watching the other four for possible engangement. Other countries are Zimbabwe, El Salvador, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

1. If missions agree, I think we should advocate for an Asia country to get selected, perhaps Burma given the recent request from AA Schiffer regarding Burma elections.

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On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 12:48 PM Diane Ray <dray@usaid.gov> wrote:
> Scratch that. Garth just found out that Pakistan is no longer on the list, so he canceled tomorrow's meeting with me and Masha.
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> On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 12:10 PM Diane Ray <dray@usaid.gov> wrote:
> > Sounds like Masha is meeting him at 10 tomorrow, so maybe we can all descend on him at once.
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> > On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 12:00 PM Michael Chelius <mchelius@usaid.gov> wrote:
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> > > On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 11:57 AM Diane Ray <dray@usaid.gov> wrote:
> > > > I have reached out to Garth and asked to meet with him tomorrow during his 10-12 time slot. Others are welcome to join me, if you wish.
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> > > > On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 11:48 AM Michael Chelius <mchelius@usaid.gov> wrote:
> > > > > Hi,
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> > > > > I don’t have additional information but can reach on this effort but can reach out to Garth.
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> > > > > I recommend a quick scan through this background document on what is met by mass atrocity:
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> > > > > https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/Field_Guide_Mass_Atrocities.pdf
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> > > > > On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 10:33 AM Kimberley Lucas <klucas@usaid.gov> wrote:
> > > > > > I noted this in Sr staff today and it sounds like Michael Chelius has more information. Also. the Burma mission had been looped in over weekend and [redacted]

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[redacted] as to whether Burma is appropriate for this *or not*. (I am guessing not given point two below? [redacted] An excerpt from their email this morning flagging this meeting noted:

DDI/DRG Center and CPS (I think) are leading out on USAID's contribution to a Sub-IPC on Engagement of Tech Companies and Atrocity Prevention. They have identified 8 countries (Burma, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Mali and El Salvador) that will be narrowed down to five. The criteria is to identify countries with the best fits to engage with tech companies to prevent and mitigate mass atrocities where 1) there are upcoming Key Events that could create a risk of violence or mass atrocities, and 2) where tech platform engagement could have a mitigating impact on those risks.

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On Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 10:23 AM Mackenzie Keller <mkeller@usaid.gov> wrote:
Thanks, Jason!

+ DG colleagues -- did you receive any additional background on this?

Best,

Mackenzie

On Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 5:48 PM Jason Gilpin <jgilpin@usaid.gov> wrote:
Adding Peter, Tiana and Mackenzie to check on Monday.

On Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 5:39 PM Diane Ray <dray@usaid.gov> wrote:
Sara,
This honestly does not make any sense to me but I can offer to meet him on Tuesday. Looping in Kim and Jason since Burma and Bangladesh are also on the list.
Diane

On Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 3:10 PM Sara Borodin <sborodin@usaid.gov> wrote:
Did you get this too? Can I defer this to you? It would be good to understand why Pakistan made the list? What criteria did they use?

Thanks,
Sara

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From: **Garth Willis** <gwillis@usaid.gov>
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Colleagues,

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In brief, we are looking to engage with Tech companies to prevent and mitigate mass atrocities where 1) there are upcoming Key Events that could create a risk of violence or mass atrocities, and 2) where tech platform engagement could have a mitigating impact on those risks.

We (USAID and State) have been tasked by the WWhite House to separately prepare a list of up to five counties where we believe the USG can engage with tech companies to mitigate risks of mass atrocities. **We have been tasked to send this list to the White House by COB on Tuesday 12/13.** Both State and USAID pushed back that this is unreasonable, but the deadline was set for us. After both State and USAID send their respective lists there will be another Sub-IPC to crosswalk the two lists to create a final list of countries for inclusion.

As a group, the USAID representatives on the Sub-IPC came up with a short list of eight countries that we still need to narrow down to five. At this point we want to make sure all the Regional Bureaus have eyes on this and can provide their input, and ideally concurrence, prior to the Tuesday deadline.

The eight countries (in no particular order) are:

1. Burma
2. Bangladesh
3. Pakistan
4. Zimbabwe
5. Democratic Republic of Congo
6. Ethiopia
7. Mali
8. El Salvador

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Thanks all for your support, and hopefully for your understanding with the unreasonable deadline,

Garth

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